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of the time... but it takes some
real creativity to fool all of
them, all the time.

-Anonymous



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UBC students occupy president's office in protest of fee hikes

by Niki Paill
The OUC Phoenix (CUP)

Echoing the tactics of student activists in Ontario, a small group of University of British Columbia graduate students have taken over the office of UBC president David Strangway to protest excessive fee increases.

Over 25 students marched into the office on March 20 equipped with sleeping bags, cooking facilities and food in preparation for what could be a lengthy stay.

The UBC Graduate Student Society says students are protesting a recent 310 per cent increase in tuition fees for new international graduate students and a 200 per cent increase for returning grad students, as well as the implementation of new technology and athletics fees that students feel are a default on the provincial government's tuition freeze.

"These students are the highest quality researchers from around the world who have been educated at their home country's expense and who are coming here to produce the highest quality research on behalf of UBC," said Makoto Fujiwara, a Ph.D student from Japan.

"These students cannot be looked at simply as a source of revenue."

They are demanding the tuition increase for international students be revoked, all new ancillary fees, and increases to existing fees, be revoked and that a binding student referendum be held on all such fees in the future, and that all protesters receive amnesty from legal or academic

discipline.

"If the provincial government allows these fees at UBC, then they are defaulting on their tuition freeze" said Kevin Dwyer, president of the Graduate Student Society. "Everyone should have access to a university education. Not just the wealthy."

UBC's Board of Governors reacted to the protest by agreeing to hold a binding student referendum on the new technology, athletics and ancillary fees.

One of the protesters, Michael Hughes, says 35 students are now involved in the rally. Hughes says Strangway is not reconsidering the international tuition hike and is planning on leaving the country tomorrow for two weeks.

"They're in for the long haul," he said about the student protesters. "But we have had success with the agreement to hold a student referendum [for the fee increases]."

Hughes adds that they have been in contact with the Ministry of Education who only reiterated their unwillingness to get involved.

"The police have been here and left saying they're not going to do anything," said Hughes. "Campus security is preventing anyone else from entering the building."

Hughes doubts the administration will charge the protesting students with trespassing. "It would be unfeasible to evict that many students."

The last several weeks have seen a rash of student groups occupying university presidents' offices across Ontario in reaction to a government announcement allowing universities to increase average tuition fees by up to 10 per cent next year.

Saskatchewan asking universities to leave tuition alone

by Hannah Scissons
The Carillon (CUP)

The Saskatchewan government is asking its two universities to slow down on tuition fee increases in order to retain accessibility.

In the provincial budget released March 20, finance minister Janice MacKinnon said the government would make up for federal cuts to education for the next two years. The announcement was a surprise to the universities, who had been bracing for the \$5 million cuts MacKinnon had announced in last year's budget.

In return, the government is asking the University of Saskatchewan to reconsider its recent announcement of a ten per cent tuition increase and the University of Regina to consider the new budget in its determination of next year's tuition

fees.

"We don't expect resistance. We expect that they will be prepared to say okay, we can now reconsider those decisions," MacKinnon told reporters.

In addition to keeping operating funding the same, the budget gave \$10 million more to capital funding for the universities for use in infrastructure and special projects. The government also committed \$4 million to support the sharing of technology between the universities.

The budget reflects recommendations made by Harold MacKay in his report on University Revitalization, released last fall. He encouraged the government to support university cooperation and special initiatives.

Bob Mitchell, Minister of Post-Secondary Education, met privately with university administrations on budget day to stress to them that the extra funding is intended to relieve the strain on students.

"There was a general feeling around, clearly expressed by the student organizations, that the increases that had been announced at the U of S were too steep," said Mitchell.

University administrations, however, will not commit to whether they will be changing the planned 10 per cent increases. U of R president Don Wells says there are still problems the universities have to deal with, such as inflation and ongoing costs.

Students at the two universities welcome the news that funding will not decrease and remain hopeful that tuition increases will not be as dramatic as expected.

"The figures are different and we think that the universities should use that money to go directly to the students by decreasing the tuition levels they've already set," said Natasha Stinka, vice-president of the U of S student council.

Proposed Funding Formula Penalizes Mount

by Tawnya Zwicker
The Picaro (CUP)

Canada's university for women could see its budget slashed as the result of the first-ever joint funding proposal for Nova Scotia universities. Mount Saint Vincent University will take the largest hit of any Nova Scotia university from a Nova Scotia Council on Higher Education (NSCHE) proposal that recommends 10.4% of the school's operating budget be cut -- a loss of

approximately \$1.27 million.

University president Sheila Brown says the Mount community should not have to deal with this extreme situation "The Mount deserves better treatment than this in this kind of approach." Steve Wetmore, chair of the NSCHE said the council is not recommending the Mount should have its funding cut, they are just proposing a funding formula.

However, Brown says because the Mount offers smaller classes and cost-effective programming they are penalized by the formula. She also says the proposed budget decrease, scheduled to be carried out as of April 1, 1998, does not consider the Mount's unique mission statement.

Mount Saint Vincent is the only university in Canada that includes the personalized education for women in their mission. Brown refutes the Council's idea that this is not an important issue. "We're the only university in Canada that sets the priority on the higher education of women. I see no recognition in this document that the Nova Scotia Council thinks that's an asset. I think that the unique mission of the Mount is worth something and it isn't reflected anywhere in this kind of calculation," said Brown.

The council's proposal is the first ever set in place to deal with shrinking federal transfer payments to provinces to pay for health care and education. In deciding how to formulate a plan, the council weighted each program according to the cost of implementation (at an assumed tuition rate of \$3,000). They also considered the amount of money allocated for rural university travel expenses, salaries of faculty, enrolment, and various other costs.

"What we're trying to do is offer some predictability," said Wetmore. Mount Saint Vincent

loses money not only because of their primarily undergraduate programs, but also because there is dispute over how to evaluate who is considered a student. The university is penalized because over 60 per cent of its population are part-time students.

Part-time students are not considered as using the same amount of services as full-time students. Sheila Brown believes "a student is a student." Brown also expressed concern that this proposal is the only option. "I would have much preferred to see three or four scenarios. I find it very difficult to access (the council's proposal) when we're given one scenario and people get the impression that this is it. This is not it."

Dalhousie University could also be hurt by the council's proposal. Three to 4 per cent of their budget would be lost, amounting to about \$2.9 million. The University of King's College and the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design would see big increases of 14.1 and 17.2 per cent respectively. Saint Francis Xavier and Technical University of Nova Scotia would also see modest increases in their budgets.

"There's only really one thing that I can guarantee in this whole funding formula, that the numbers are going to change," said Wetmore. Brown urged the Mount community to express their opinions to the NSCHE. "I want to stress that it is a scenario and we have the opportunity to share with the council our views on that. I have already assured them that we will be sharing our views."

The Mount community plans to express its views with the help of a student lobbying group, planned letter writing campaigns to MLA's and MP's, public forums on the proposal hosted by the Mount, and input from various campus groups. A public forum will be held on March 25 for students to express their views.

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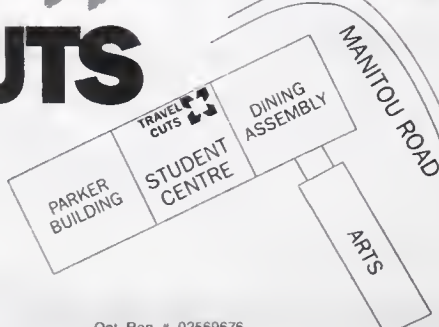
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Sudbury's Celebration a Success ...but suffers a dubious beginning

by Norman Shields
Staff Writer

Friday and Saturday of last week marked Sudbury's "Celebration of Resistance", organized by local interest groups to mobilize voices opposed to the agenda of Mike Harris' provincial Tories. There were numerous activities, beginning with what, ostensibly, was supposed to be an "information picket" at LU on Friday morning.

The action at LU was a dubious beginning to what was, according to LU Coalition organizers, an otherwise successful weekend of demonstrations. No less than three LU students were struck by automobiles Friday morning and one union picketer was sent to hospital by ambulance after having his foot run over. According to Inspector Grisdale of Sudbury Regional Police, the incidents have been "fully investigated, and no charges are warranted."

This is probably little comfort to a fourth year Engineering student, Derek Novotny, who was clipped by a truck leaving the demonstration. The truck also damaged personal property, a portable computer, being carried by the LU student.

LU commuters also complained bitterly of the long delay on Ramsey Lake Rd., and some reports of property damage caused by picketers have come to light.

According to Larry

Denomme, LU's chief of security, the demonstration did not go as well as expected, saying the union members who peopled the main entrance "were obstructing cars", which seemed to conflict with the stated purpose of the action. He did concede that the South Bay picket was operated within the spirit of "information picket", but the picketeers at the main gate, which included Sid Ryan who is the President of Ontario's CUPE, were adamant in obstructing traffic. Denomme has received complaints from the LU community that delays on Ramsey Lake Rd. were as long as two hours.

Following the information picket at LU, some two hundred marchers congregated at Bell Park, marching to Civic Square, where they were joined by six hundred other activists. Todd Bosak of LU was impressed by the turnout, and indicated that LU was well-represented. Howard Hampton and Shelley Martel took part in this action, as did the group of high school students, self-styled Food not Bombs, who were the focus of a minor controversy in one of the local community papers last week.

Saturday's Celebration of Resistance march attracted three-thousand participants, which was considered a positive turnout by organizers, given the local nature of the demonstration and the non-partici-

pation of certain local unions. In the tradition of other actions of this sort, the weekend's march was peaceful and without incident.

The motions to change the by-laws of Senate, which would allow the creation of two faculties at LU (See Senators Rebuke Acaplan-issue 20), was defeated last Thursday by a margin of one vote. According to a well-placed source, the setback is not expected to change Administration's timetable for restructuring. Senators will vote on a similar motion next month.

An "open forum" to discuss the contents of a new Student Code of Conduct, which is to include a Student's Charter of Rights and Responsibilities, was held here on Monday at 13:30. It was expected to be the only public discussion on the draft copy of the document, but numerous concerns slowed the process, and a second forum has been scheduled for Thursday April 3 in room L-303. The discussion will pick up at page 9 of the 18 page document, which is available at the SGA office. Lambda strongly recommends that students examine the proposals and make their views be known, because the task force which produced this document is instructed to present its final draft for Senate approval in May.

Greasy Spoon Goes Vegetarian

by Gunner Mire
Staff Writer

Is it a bold new beginning? Or the death of a Laurentian tradition? Reactions are mixed after the unveiling of a plan that will make the Hitching Post restaurant (affectionately nick-named the Greasy Spoon) an all vegetarian eating place as of this September. Marriett Foods announced last week that the Hitching Post restaurant will be the testing ground for a new, healthier approach to university food. If successful, the no-meat diet will be extended to all other eating places in the school by the year 2000.

"University cafeterias are notorious for their unhealthy selection of food," says Marriett representative Carnie Vora. "From deep-fried chicken fingers to fat-laden burgers, our students are bombarded with food choices that will kill them in the long run. We want to give the students a variety of healthy alternatives to the traditional cholesterol-soaked menu."

Just what will the Hitching Post serve next year? "We're looking at a number of choices," says Vora. "Tofu-based products will probably replace the meat-based burgers and hot dogs. Falafels are also being considered. They have been popular at York University for a number of years and we feel that they could be successful here. Salads and vegetable stir-frys will also play a large role in the new menu." (Falafels are pita sandwiches made with a number of vegetable toppings and meatball-like balls made with chick-pea flower.)

This program is revolutionary in both its scope and intent. It does, however, have a darker side. While hoping to promote healthy lifestyles, Marriett may also be infringing on the students' right to choose their own diet. Student rights activist Herb Iver is extremely upset with this new Marriett agenda. He feels that the all vegetarian format "alienates the meat-eating students of this school. Our school is already divided on a number of issues. This will just cause more arguments and general unhappiness among the student population."

The debate over the ethical issue may be a moot point, however, as L. U. president Paul Ross is all for the idea. He has already pledged his full support for this initiative. He sees the move as "a great step forward for Laurentian University." He also feels that Mr. Iver "missed the point. We are doing this for the good of Laurentian students. If we felt that this [program] would infringe on students' rights we would be forced to reconsider. I mean, we aren't saying that students can't eat meat, we just feel that it is our duty to promote healthy food options."

B.Sc. Forensic Science Proposed

by Amanda Lusted
Contributor

Dr. Fairgrieve, Anthropology Coordinator, is currently proposing the development of a B.Sc. in Forensic Science. At this stage in the development he is trying to gauge the level of interest among students at Laurentian. Currently there is only one program in Canada running out of the Erindale campus at the University of Toronto. Each year that program turns away 150 students. If such a program could be developed at Laurentian it has the potential of attracting students not only from across Ontario, but also from across Canada.

So far the proposal foresees a 4-year B.Sc., taken only as a combined specialization. The first specialization would be specifically in forensic science, with specific core subjects. This core would include a 2000 level course with a lab component on techniques in forensic science. Throughout the four years students would take various courses in the second specialization of choice, in either anthropology, psychology or law and justice, who have already indicated interest in participating in the program. The biology, physics, chemistry and biochemistry, departments have yet to reply to the proposal. The fourth year of the program would include a placement called a "Forensic Science Apprenticeship."

It should be noted that this program is only tentative and still needs to pass through the various internal and external committees of the university. Any interested students should sign one of the sign-up sheets to show their support for the development of the program. Sign-up sheets are located in the Law and Justice Department, on the Biology student notice board and on the door of the Anthropology Coordinator, room A-241.

Heaviest Element Known Discovered

by Bob Dole
Staff Writer

The heaviest element known to science was recently discovered by physicists. The element, tentatively named Administratium, has no protons or electrons and thus has an atomic number of 0. However, it does have 1 Neutron, 125 Assistant Neutrons, 75 Vice Neutrons, 111 Assistant Vice Neutrons. This gives it an atomic mass of 312. Those 312 particles are held together by a force that involves the continuous exchange of messon-like particles called mor-

rons. Because it has no electrons, Administratium is inert, however it can be detected readily as it impedes every action and reaction with which it comes in contact. According to its

discoverers, a minute amount of Administratium caused one process to take four days when completion would have occurred normally in under one second.

Administratium has a normal half-life of approximately three years, at which time it does not actually decay but rather undergoes a reorganization in which assistant neutrons, vice neutrons and assistant vice neutrons exchange places. Recent studies have hypothesized that atomic mass actually increases after each reorganization.

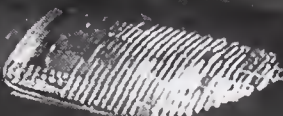
Research at other laboratories indicates that Administratium occurs naturally in the atmosphere, but tends to accumulate at certain places such as government agencies, large corporations and universities. It usually



can be found in the newest, best appointed and best maintained buildings.

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Dear Editor,

I wish to voice my opinion about the Sudbury Days of Action, more specifically the events that occurred at the University. I am a student at the University, as well as a parent and was not pleased at the amount of time it took my son and I to drive into school.

I was aware that it was going to be a longer drive than usual on Friday, but I was told it would be just an information picket, which means that drivers would be informed of the events, receive a pamphlet and be allowed to drive on. This was to take only a few seconds to avoid long traffic delays. I was also told it would be over by 10:00 a.m. I arrived at the lights at the corner of Paris and Ramsey Lake Road at 9:00, and did not drop off my son at the Laurentian Child and Family Centre till 10:45. Not only did my son miss his breakfast snack, but nearly missed his swimming lesson and had to wait 45 minutes to go to the bathroom.

When I finally arrived at the University and was able to speak to others about the event at the main entrance none were pleased and even thought it was a wrong thing to do. I was told that this traffic stop was not part of the organization of the day, as well they were supposed to let parents and children through to the daycare. This was not happening because other parents I spoke to had to wait as long as I did, and were as angry as I was.

I agree with the reason for the Sudbury Days of Action, and as a parent/student I am affected on many levels by the Harris government's cut backs. I am quite angry with what is happening to Ontario and want some change, yet I do not believe that such protests, uprisings, and stopping of the cities will do much to change Mr. Harris' mind. All that occurs with such events is that Mr. Harris sits in his "padded" office laughing at those who miss work, inconvenience others, and cause legal trouble for themselves. The end result of such events only makes everyone angry with each other and divides the mass, a tactic used by many oppressors to conquer the weak. I will never side with Mike Harris, but I will not be on side of the the radical, self-righteous bunch that call themselves protesters.

A concerned student/parent, *Monique Roy*

To the Editor,

We are writing in response to the letter from Richard Arnold (January 30, 1997) regarding Spring Break trips sold to students at Laurentian University. Mr. Arnold charged that Travel CUTS was, among other things, committing slander, charging inflated prices and misleading students to prevent him from selling Inter-Campus Program's trips.

While it is true that Travel CUTS was concerned about Inter-Campus' presence at Laurentian University, Mr. Arnold's letter was alarmingly inaccurate.

All business and individuals who sell travel are subject to the Travel Industry Act. This Act outlines rules and regulations and how and by whom travel can be sold. It's purpose is to protect consumers.

Spring Break has increasingly become a battleground for tour operators competing for the student dollar. In the process, some companies have been cutting corners on their products or ignoring the regulations outlined by the Travel Industry Act.

When I (LJ) spoke with Mr. Arnold in January regarding his upcoming trip to Daytona, I did not tell him that his trip was "illegal" or that Inter-Campus was "not a reputable company". However, I did explain sections of the Travel Industry Act to him. Specifically, I outlined having his phone number on the advertising posters would be in violation of the Act. As well, I explained that companies must have an Ontario registration number and a trust account to legally sell travel in this province.

Mr. Arnold wrote that the "irony of it all" was that Laurentian University funds Travel CUTS as part of the tuition fee. The only irony in that statement is its inaccuracy.

Instead, time has proven the actual "irony of it all" to be Mr. Arnold's letter itself. It was written long before his Inter-Campus clients left for holidays without knowing where they were staying. It was written before those clients slept six in a room, paid \$15 for a cot or slept on air mattresses. It was written before they were sold discount cards

Last Friday, anyone who was trying to make it into the university was surprised by a huge line-up on Ramsey Lake Road. The cause of the line-up (and up to an hour and a half wait!!!)? CUPE members who were blocking the main entrance to Laurentian.

The demonstration was part of the Celebration of Resistance which was to protest the Mike Harris cuts. The SGA executive was posted at the South Bay Road entrance, handing out pamphlets and answering questions. The average wait (once you got to that entrance) was about 1

To the Editor,

What the hell was the point of that protest here on Friday? I really do appreciate being harassed by the protesters. Well, excuse me for trying to attend classes that I paid money for. Thanks to all those assholes who scratched and damaged many vehicles and thanks for allowing me to miss class. I hope all of you protesters are proud!

Name withheld by request

that were not recognized. It was written before we received several letters from students expressing frustration that Mr. Arnold got off the bus in Toronto and they have been unable to find him since.

An it was written before the Ontario Ministry of Consumer Affairs began investigating the at least 15-20 complaints against Inter-Campus.

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Yours truly,
Layla Jazrawy
Travel CUTS Regional Manager
Diane Clarkson
Travel CUTS Regional Marketing Manager

Successful Days of Resistance? Not from where we sit!!

While the SGA was supporting the protest, they were not the ones who organized the protest. Once they heard that protesters at the main gate were stopping cars for what was a ridiculous amount of time, they sent people over to try to reason with them and get them to start letting cars go through a little quicker. Not a chance of that happening though.

People have complained about their cars being damaged or overheating, protesters being hit by irate motorists. Unfortunately, the protesters did not seem to understand why motorists weren't exactly supportive, especially when appointments were missed or classes cancelled or missed because of this protest. The whole point of the protest outside the university was to protest rising tuition hikes and dwindling accessibility. How accessible was the campus on that Friday morning? Not very.

Another problem was the lack of police intervention. By this, we mean the fact that a few years ago, students might remember the protest walk-out that happened on January 25th. While this protest was peaceful, the police wasted no time getting to the main gate to inform students they needed to stop blocking traffic. Why was this not the case with the non-Laurentian protesters blocking Ramsey Lake Road for a few hours?

There are many other comments we could make about this "protest", but the letters to the editor we received this week are much more eloquent and truly reflect the reaction of Laurentian Students that Friday morning.

Maybe next time, outside union members will let the SGA and Laurentian students form their own information picket instead of coming in from out of town and taking over.

To the Editor,

On February 15, 1997, Breakaway Tours departed for Daytona Beach, Florida with a group of thirty-nine Breakaway and eleven Inter-Campus clients.

Upon arrival at our destination, I was surprised to be faced with eleven confused Inter-Campus clients as to the whereabouts of their Tour Guide or accommodations. These students felt abandoned upon their arrival of a thirty-hour bus tour from Sudbury, to find no representative from their Tour Company, to let them know where to go or who to contact in case of questions, etc. These clients did not have any confirmation as to which hotel they would be staying in before arrival. Needless to say, there were some disappointed faces and irritated clients, when they realized that it is not standard procedure to learn the whereabouts of their accommodations the day of arrival. As a Tour Guide, I felt responsible for the welfare of these clients even though my responsibility for them ended when we arrived at our destination. Arrangements were made with the hotel staff to give these students a place to stay until some sort of confirmation from Inter-Campus was given.

After several hours, a representative from Inter-Campus was finally located and notified of the situation. Inter-Campus did not own up to their mistake and made no effort to smooth the rough waters with their clients. As the week progressed, I learned through the clients that their Tour Company in which they trusted continued to let them down. These students spent three hundred odd dollars to arrive at a destination of unfulfilled events. They were promised a planned itinerary of daytime and evening events, when in actuality they were only valid to Breakaway clients. Their accommodations were unsuitable and disappointing. They were promised a room with three to four people sharing, where in fact they received a room with six people and a couple of air mattresses. These students did not spend all that money and travel that distance to be abandoned and crowded in a room with inadequate sleeping arrangements.

Daytona Spring Break is supposed to be lifetime experience, not a memory to forget! Inter-Campus definitely made sure that these clients would think twice about which travel company they book with for their next Spring Break Experience.

Sincerely,
Leanne Tubman,
Breakaway Tours Tour Guide

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SGA Responds

by Mike Grube
SGA President

During the last two weeks Laurentian has witnessed something that has not been present on campus in quite some time. Social Activism has gone on in protest of the government cuts to post secondary education and the proposed tuition increases. The goal of occupying Dr. Paul's office and then picketing Laurentian entrances was to create awareness of the concerns that students and others have with the provincial government. The occupation of the Presidents' office by the SGA, AEF and the Laurentian Coalition for Social Justice was a huge success because of the attention that it received from the local, provincial and national media. The occupation was the first step in trying to avoid a tuition increase. The negotiations now have started and the administration is willing to look at alternative solutions to the tuition increase.

Following the momentum of the occupation of Dr. Paul's office was the Sudbury Days of Resistance that took place last weekend. It began with picketing of Laurentian University and its main entrances. The Students' General Association supported the Days of Resistance because of the Education rally and their support for a tuition freeze. The SGA saw this as an opportunity for information sharing and creating awareness. We intended to distribute literature and inform people of the events for the weekend. Through out the picketing the students involved on behalf of the SGA informed people of the weekend events and distributed literature only. We apologize for anyone who was impeded for a considerable time but the SGA were not organizers of the event and had no knowledge that non-students would be taking part in the protest. One of our main objectives is to unite students against education cuts and fight for accessible education. At the same time for every upset student, faculty or staff there were many more who were very supportive and gave encouragement. Picketing and occupation of someone's office is executed to make a point and create awareness. The real work comes after all the cameras have gone home and the negotiations begin. The SGA appreciates the support shown by other unions for educational issues but chooses to demonstrate in a different manner. The SGA will continue to strive for high quality accessible education in the future. We are committed to working together with all students to ensure that Laurentian is dedicated to the concerns of students.

On behalf of the SGA we wish you all the best in the final month of your studies and good luck on exams. For those of you who will be graduating this year good luck in what ever you do next year and remember to promote Laurentian where ever you go. All Laurentian graduates have a vested interest in how LU is perceived in the future. How LU is perceived in the public could have an effect on job possibilities. For those of you returning, have a great summer and we will look forward to seeing you next year.

L.U. President looking to Capreol for new research facility

by Nota Chanz
Contributor

L.U. President Paul Ross, in a surprising act of opportunism, has just purchased the Capreol High School building for an undisclosed sum of money. Furthermore, he plans to have the building vacated by April 31st. It seems that the students presently attending Capreol High School will be transferring schools earlier than previously expected. The school was supposed to be closed at the end of this school year, at the earliest. Once the building is vacated, it will be transformed into a scientific research and storage facility for Laurentian University.

The president sees this as an excellent opportunity to expand into the community while providing Laurentian with a much needed addition to its current research labs. It is also a cheaper alternative to the school's plan to purchase the Wilted-Green Center. "I feel that we are moving into a very exciting time for the university," says Dr. Ross. "With the success of the capitol program, it is imperative that we continue our commitment to world-class research."

The building, to be renamed the Capreol-Laurentian University Life Science facility (C-LULES), is just the first step in a plan to make Laurentian a more visible member of the Sudbury community while also increasing the variety and number of research projects undertaken by the school. "It's time that we made our presence known," says Ross. "It's obvious that the Ramsey Lake Road campus is extremely isolated from the community at large. With the creation of C-LULES, we feel that we are moving towards more active participation in the community around us. This [C-LULES] is an excellent beginning to what we hope will be a long and productive relationship between the school and the Sudbury region." One benefit to the community is that C-LULES will be mandated to provide hands-on experience to high school science students in an authentic laboratory environment. This will hopefully foster increased interest in the sciences.

Other proposed projects in this new initiative include the creation of the Falconbridge Outer-space Observatory and Laboratory-Laurentian (FOOLL) at the site of the former Falconbridge radar facility by mid-July. A third project is in the works, though details have not been released as of press time.

Tuition Decrease Proposed by Dr. Paul Ross

by Skipin Madley
Staff Writer

Who has the last laugh? The protesters who sat up in the office of Dr. Ross Paul last week, the protesters who disturbed and perturbed so many people last Friday by blocking entrance to the school, the protesters who took part in the Celebration of Resistance, all those people who worked long and hard to raise hell against the raising of tuition at Laurentian, these people have the last laugh. To those people who laughed at them and said that one person can't make a difference, that laughed when one protester had their foot run-over by an impatient motorist, now we laugh at you HA HA HA! Why do I laugh, because we proved that people can make a difference! Dr. Ross Paul issued a press release today stating that our protested-weary and weathered President will support a tuition decrease of 25% for the 1997-1998 school year.

The statement comes after years of tuition increases and years of protesting by school and community related groups. Dr. Paul confessed that he has seen the error of his ways and that of the Mike Harris government. Though he was not solely responsible for the tuition increases, he said that his guilty conscious had become

too much to handle, so heavy was his grief. His guilty conscious stems from not protesting the Harris government himself, from taking the whipping like a cabin boy when he did step out of line. These violent reprimands would always come from Harris himself whenever he heard that Dr. Paul was not towing the party line. Said Dr. Paul, 'I was in a position to help, more students could have studied, more...' his words trailed off as he drifted off into a guilt ridden stupor, '...so much debt...and anguish, which I could have hindered, I could have helped, I could have been a contender, in the ring of government reform!' This was a sight to bestow, even Dr. Paul's assistant, Ima Sapp, was moved to tears, 'I saw the anguish in his eyes and now he sees in the error in his ways.'

Believe me when I say that Dr. Paul (Pauli to his friends) is now on the side of the students. Pauli is back to the days when he was young and full of energy, ready to tackle the world before the Harris offensive team crushed him in their rush to burden students with so much debt that they will have no choice but to be eternally indebted to the Harris government. When questioned how he will keep the school afloat, Pauli laid out his plan for Laurentian reform;

increasing tuition of foreign students by 25%, the dismal of all cleaning staff (we keep our own house says Pauli), increasing student fees by 90% and book prices will be raised by 75%. 'With this reform,' said Dr. Ross, 'we can lower tuition and increase student accessibility to higher education.'

Finally after years of complaints and months of intense lobbying by such groups as the Friends Of Old Laurentian Students, a Laurentian alumni organization, tuition just may be decreased in time for the 1997-98 school year. This group and many others have proved that public pressure and condemnation can make a difference.

The lowering of tuition is a great step in policy reform. However, as Mr. Francis Humor, president of the Friends Of Old Laurentian Students (FOOLS) protest group stated, "there is still far to go." To voice your approval of the Dr. Ross's proposal, phone the FOOLS hotline at 675-1151 ext. 3665 (FOOL). The next protest, condemning Dr. Ross's proposal to raise student fees, book prices and the tuition of foreign student fees will be this Tuesday at FOOL headquarters, eleventh floor of the Parker building. Together we can make a difference!

U of T's History jumps to Humanities

by Norman Shields
Staff Writer

In what one education critic is calling "the most significant development in Canadian education since the Veteran's Rehabilitation Act", the University of Toronto's History Department announced Friday that its bid to align itself with the Humanities has been approved by the Board of Regents.

Randall Donner, spokesperson for the History Department made the announcement at a press conference downtown Toronto, saying "the move will allow History to rediscover itself and, we hope, will improve the quality of historian turned out by Toronto."

Joan Under, Director of the Bottom Up Club, and a self-styled "social historian" who earned her Doctorate at U of T, was not impressed. "It's just another example of the Old Boys' Club making sure history remains nothing more than nationalistic myths", she said at a hastily called press conference on Thursday evening, effectively ruining the History department's "surprise".

Mr. Donner questioned her assessment of the situation. "Ms. Under's standing within the community is tenuous at best," he said. "The Department is virtually unanimous in supporting this move."

The decision to join the Humanities comes in the midst of a restructuring campaign at the University. Although the Department was "virtually unanimous", the Senate and Board of Regents were not. After a lengthy Senate debate, which postponed restructuring issues for two weeks, the motion was passed by a very narrow margin.

The Board of Regents debate ended with similar results, but with a little more colour. Some of the Governors were particularly critical of the History Department's timing. Said Harry Simms, "They rammed it through - that's all there is to it! Some of the older guys want to be there [the Humanities], and they're more than happy to have them. They used this period of political maneuvering to accomplish what they've failed to do for some time now. We shouldn't be surprised."

Next week, the U of T History Department is expected to unveil its new curriculum, which will come into effect this fall "frosh". Mr. Donner says the change should promote "interdisciplinarity", not inhibit it. "In fact", said Donner, "under the new system, students will be able to take six additional credits from the traditional social sciences...At the same time, our alignment with the Humanities is a better assessment of the historian's academic contribution."

Mr. Donner added that History students currently enrolled at U of T, should not be adversely affected. "All the courses that were offered when they registered will be offered at least one more time - twice in the case of core courses. They should see their academic advisor to be sure they make appropriate decisions."

Ms. Under, in the meantime, hopes the Canadian historical community will "condemn" U of T's decision, and plans to circulate a petition at the next Canadian Historical Association's annual conference, to be held next month.



Because things
really are different
Downunder!

COMING SOON!!!

**The Pub Management
and Staff would like to
wish all our patrons a
very happy Easter!**

Pub will be closing Friday april 18 th

An Apology for Last Year's April Fools

Penn and Teller:

We printed a phony ad that got us in a lot of trouble. We're really sorry, swear to god.

We took the bottom half of my back page, printed a border that said it was a joke and then a phony ad for last April Fools Day. There were no jokes in the ad, everything looked legit except the prices, they were too good to be true.

All you had to do was clip it and give it to a sucker. The chump would call the 800 number for the "too good to be true" package and get a tape of me berating them.

It worked too well. You people are amazing. You handed it out, copied it and FAXed it. At least a few of you scanned it and E-mailed it all over hell. Even without the glossy paper once the warning border was gone it was a virus, swallowed hook, line, sinker, rod, reel and part of the dock. My editor, Carol Day, gave it to Bill Machrone, the cheese from Ziff Davis Labs and PC Mag. He looked at the ad, and picked up the phone.

We got calls. So many that the entire PCC voice mail system crashed. The line rang constantly and was always busy so people started calling the main switchboard driving the receptionists nutty and tying up that line.

Facilities telecommunications staff set up 10 more answering machines all with my berating voice. A staff person was taking calls full time, calming people down and referring them to the legal department. Some dope said he'd sold his car to buy the package and now he was going to sue. Compaq was so inundated that they threatened to pull the plug on all future advertising with us.

People wrote half-assed legalese letters saying they "accepted the offer on page..." I guess they figured that if they sounded official, the police would make us give them a computer.

It got lots national press, most of it bad. It was an irresponsible, stupid joke.

I think we all learned something.

April Fool's Phone - Answering machine

Penn and Teller

Hello, you have reached Thurman Computers. I'm sorry, our operator (we only have one) is busy right now. He or she (I said we only had one, but I meant one on each shift, so depending on what time of day it is, you might be getting Carol or you might be getting Ken, the guy with the turtleneck, although time of day isn't the only indicator because Carol only took this operator job so that she could take time off for auditions, even though, as far as I'm concerned if someone is really in show business they aren't in Northern California).

So... Carol or Ken is busy right now, probably trying to see if we finally have enough money to get an 800 number because many people have complained that with one operator they sometimes have to stay on hold for several hours (this is not saying that you will be on hold for several hours, you could be the exception -but you certainly have time to make yourself a cup of tea and turn on the television).

So how could we not have the money for an 800 number, and still have the money to R&D and produce a brand new super cheap laptop?

We don't.

We didn't.

All we are is an ad and a voice mailbox. There isn't even a Carol or a Ken... (They really started to live in your mind, though, didn't they? Didn't you start to care about Carol's acting career and couldn't you picture useless little Ken in his stupid little turtleneck? Huh? Now that's writing.) No one really works here

-no one. We don't exist.

You've been had.

Hang up now and cut your loses, that phone bill is a ticking.

But first, let me go on record - I personally don't think it's funny that you had to pay money to make this call.

Almost all of your other inconvenience has me rolling around helpless with mirth. It's killing me. Ha ha ha - joke's on you.

It's around April Fool's and Penn Jillette, that's me, PC/Computing, that's my magazine, and someone very near to you have diddled you.

Have a nice day.

And try not to get caught next year.



911's newest feature

new york

Century Communications announced today plans for an exciting new 900 service, with profits to go to help defray the cost of installing and maintaining enhanced 911 service across the country.

Called, 'The 911 Chatline,' it allows callers to choose an area of the country, and to listen to 911 emergency calls from it.

When asked what prompted this unusual foray into the 900 business, Century spokeswoman Fawn Lebowitz said, "In recent years we've seen a dramatic increase in the popularity of reality-based television shows. The 911 Chatline allows callers to experience real-life drama while it is going on, all from the comfort of their own home."

While listening to the emergency calls going through, callers to the Chatline have a number of options. They can listen to just the 911 calls for the area they select, switch their call to a different area, or, probably the most interesting option, connect their call to the '911 Chatline' to discuss the details of the emergencies with each other as they happen, and before the police have even arrived!

Thanks to new voice recognition software from AT&T, callers do not even need a touch tone telephone in order to use the service. They can choose which 911 center to listen to simply by saying the area code and city that they are interested in listening to calls from. Calls are directed to the 911 center nearest this location.

As 911 centers sign up to receive their share of the profits, they are connected to the Chatline network. Century says it has already wired up over 50 centers, and that it has coverage in most major metropolitan areas. They plan to have the whole nation wired by April, 1997.

BMW INTRODUCES ITS NEWEST INNOVATION: ROAD WARMERS

Having spent the last twenty years perfecting the sports sedan, BMW has now taken up the ultimate challenge - perfecting the road.

Road Warmers are the result of twenty years of German engineering. And represent perhaps the single most important contribution to the automotive industry in the past decade.

Road Warmers employ laser technology to ensure constant road conditions. The way in which they operate is simple. Underneath the car, four pivoting convex lasers are mounted in front of each wheel. The lasers are aimed at the pavement directly in front of the tread stance. They work in tandem with five-speed turbo fans. So not only do they manage to melt snow and ice, they also dry the road of excess moisture. And virtually eliminate the need to clear your driveway during winter. Inside the car, the driver is continually apprised of the climatic conditions through BMW's onboard computer and Active Check Control. This enables the driver to set the road to a temperature that best suits their level of performance. The result is a road that never changes. Four seasons become one. And performance is assured like never before. Eventually Road Warmers will be standard on all new BMW's. But as part of a special offer, your dealer will install them on your present car free of charge.

But you should hurry. Our offer is only available April 1st, so you would be a fool to miss this one.

Mazda Recalls 450,000 vehicles

As of April 1, 1997, Mazda of North America has announced a major recall of several popular vehicles built since 1990 for potential safety problems.

The recall includes the 323, Protege and Miata models. According to a Mazda spokesperson, a certain low cost plastic used in the steering mechanism is prone to 'environmental decay' and may cause loss of steering in the affected models. The plastic was designed to biodegrade when the cars were eventually recycled, however certain environmental conditions can cause it to prematurely age and crack. No injuries have been reported but Mazda is advising the owners of 1990 and 1991 cars who live in humid regions to avoid driving their cars and to contact their dealer immediately. All car owners will be notified by registered mail. Mazda will replace the affected parts at no charge to the customer, a move that analysts expect may cost the company up to 10 million dollars.

McDonalds and EUnet join to offer Global "Internet in a Lunchbox"

Amsterdam, The Netherlands -- April 1, 1997 -- McDonalds, Inc. and EUnet, Ltd. today announced an agreement which will allow people to access the Internet in virtually everywhere. Access to the Internet is fast becoming a requirement for leading businesses who wish to communicate globally at any place, any time.

"Our restaurants offer the market's most cost-effective solution

for daily food substance requirements and together with EUnet we take this small step for our businesses but a great leap to the mankind", says Ketchup Mustard, senior vice president for marketing at McDonalds restaurants.

"The Information Superhighway will be a significant part of our future and we want to participate in building it. Every highway needs restaurants and together with EUnet we will meet the great demands of the new information society", he adds.

EUnet, the largest commercial Internet service provider in Europe, will together with McDonalds install Internet connectivity to every McDonalds restaurant. A revolutionary CRC-free product, McEUnet, will be used to provide access to the Internet for everyone, from small children to senior citizens. "Later we will offer our customers a complete McEUnet-meal with a gif of the month. Together with the planned McEUnet birthday party service we will provide a full range of solutions to our customers who need access to the Internet", said Mustard.

"Way to mans heart goes through his stomach and together with McDonalds we can get there. EUnet's goal is to bring the Internet to every dining table and now it's finally for real. McDonalds restaurants are also children's favourite and now we make it possible for children to learn the Internet before they can even read or write", says Glenn Kowack, EUnet CEO. "We haven't accomplished Internet to the belly button yet, but we are very near a breakthrough. Our research staff is already working hard to create recycleable access to the Internet to save the nature. CRC-free McEUnet IP addresses are already recycled", Kowack describes the new service. All brands, products and service names mentioned are trademarks or registered service marks of their respective owners. For further information, contact Ketchup Mustard at McDonalds.

MICROSOFT Bids to Acquire Catholic Church

By Hank Vorjes

VATICAN CITY (AP) -- In a joint press conference in St. Peter's Square this morning, MICROSOFT Corp. and the Vatican announced that the Redmond software giant will acquire the Roman Catholic Church in exchange for an unspecified number of shares of MICROSOFT common stock. If the deal goes through, it will be the first time a computer software company has acquired a major world religion.

With the acquisition, Pope John Paul II will become the senior vice-president of the combined company's new Religious Software Division, while MICROSOFT senior vice-presidents Michael Maples and Steven Ballmer will be invested in the College of Cardinals, said MICROSOFT Chairman Bill Gates.

"We expect a lot of growth in the religious market in the next five to ten years," said Gates. "The combined resources of MICROSOFT and the Catholic Church will allow us to make religion easier and more fun for a broader range of people."

Through the MICROSOFT Network, the company's new on-line service, "we will make the sacraments available on-line for the first time" and revive the popular pre-Counter-Reformation practice of selling indulgences, said Gates. "You can get Communion, confess your sins, receive absolution -- even reduce your time in Purgatory -- all without leaving your home."

A new software application, MICROSOFT Church, will include a macro language which you can program to download heavenly graces automatically while you are away from your computer.

An estimated 17,000 people attended the announcement in St. Peter's Square, watching on a 60-foot screen as comedian Don Novello -- in character as Father Guido Sarducci -- hosted the event, which was broadcast by satellite to 700 sites worldwide.

Pope John Paul II said little during the announcement. When Novello chided Gates, "Now I guess you get to wear one of these pointy hats," the crowd roared, but the pontiff's smile seemed strained. The deal grants MICROSOFT exclu-

sive electronic rights to the Bible and the Vatican's prized art collection, which includes works by such masters as Michelangelo and Da Vinci. But critics say MICROSOFT will face stiff challenges if it attempts to limit competitors' access to these key intellectual properties.

"The Jewish people invented the look and feel of the holy scriptures," said Rabbi David Gottschalk of Philadelphia. "You take the parting of the Red Sea -- we had that thousands of years before the Catholics came on the scene."

But others argue that the Catholic and Jewish faiths both draw on a common Abrahamic heritage. "The Catholic Church has just been more successful in marketing it to a larger audience," notes Notre Dame theologian Father Kenneth Madigan. Over the last 2,000 years, the Catholic Church's market share has increased dramatically, while Judaism, which was the first to offer many of the concepts now touted by Christianity, lags behind.

Historically, the Church has a reputation as an aggressive competitor, leading crusades to pressure people to upgrade to Catholicism, and entering into exclusive licensing arrangements in various kingdoms whereby all subjects were instilled with Catholicism, whether or not they planned to use it. Today Christianity is available from several denominations, but the Catholic version is still the most widely used. The Church's mission is to reach "the four corners of the earth," echoing Microsoft's vision of "a computer on every desk and in every home".

Gates described Microsoft's long-term strategy to develop a scalable religious architecture that will support all religions through emulation. A single core religion will be offered with a choice of interfaces according to the religion desired -- "One religion, a couple of different implementations," said Gates.

The MICROSOFT move could spark a wave of mergers and acquisitions, according to Herb Peters, a spokesman for the U.S. Southern Baptist Conference, as other churches scramble to strengthen their position in the increasingly competitive religious market.

RAI INVESTS \$125 MILLION IN MICROSOFT NETWORK

VATICAN CITY -- A division of Italian television giant RAI said Wednesday it has invested \$125 million for a 20 percent stake in Microsoft Corp.'s planned on-line computer service, The Microsoft Divine Network.

The investment lays the groundwork for delivering planned on-line religious services to personal computers over television cable, which will allow much faster and richer transmission of data such as sound clips and video than is permitted today over regular telephone lines.

"We are big believers in connecting PCs to cable for on-line because it gives us more bandwidth to do new kinds of applications using audio and video," said Ziggy Mann, general manager of the Microsoft on-line services group.

Under the agreement, RAI's Vatican Technology Ventures has made an all-stock investment in the newly formed Microsoft On-line Church Partnership, which will hold the assets and cash flow of the planned on-line service.

The service was announced in November and is expected to be launched next year as an optional feature (Microsoft Church) of the Windows 95 operating system, which

now is expected to be available in August 1995.

The service will be offered at first over telephone lines, but Don Novello, senior vice president of the RAI-Vatican technology unit, said by 1996, some on-line services likely will be delivered over cable as cable modems and other equipment are perfected.

While RAI would market and distribute the service to the 20 million households, the relationship would not be exclusive and the cable provider would offer connections to any on-line services available and requested by its customers, Novello said.

America on-line, CompuServe and other on-line service providers have been testing the possibility of delivering their services over cable rather than telephone lines.

The partnership announced Wednesday, which long had been rumored, is one of several between RAI and Microsoft. The two companies also are about to begin a small-scale test of interactive television services broadcasting from the Vatican, and have announced plans to develop a cable television channel focused on computing, which Novello

said will be launched next year.

Rob Goldman, an analyst at Imperial Shwain, said the latest agreement was strategically important to both companies and signaled an increasing convergence of media on the information superhighway.

"I think it is very strategic for Microsoft to try to leverage their investment in an on-line service to be able to offer it to RAI's 20 million households," he said.

"Ultimately you ought to be able to access this through your television and not just your personal computer. Having the same on-line service connected to (both) would be a very powerful thing."

Executives of the two companies did not provide details on how they arrived at a figure that values The Microsoft Divine Network at \$625 million even though it likely won't begin operation until August.

"We negotiated a fair valuation based on what we know today," Novello said in a Vatican conference call with reporters and analysts.

Mann said Microsoft had no current plans to take on additional equity partners in the on-line business, "but if the right deal or right partner came along we'd be open to that."

Xerox Announces New Vehicle for Information Highway

STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, U.S.A., 1994 APR 01 (NB)

Xerox senior management announced today that agreement had been reached with Volkswagen to form a new joint subsidiary company, to be called VWX. "The creation of this subsidiary will allow both Xerox and Volkswagen to compete more effectively on the new information highway. With Xerox's strength in document systems and Volkswagen's strength in vehicular technology we should be able to offer the best document delivery systems in the world," said Paul Allaire, CEO of Xerox.

The company will be headquartered in Oberunterdorf, Ger-

many and its CEO will be long-time Volkswagen executive Johann Kaefer. Kaefer, upon being asked what the new company's first product might be, gave this answer: "We will be combining Xerox's printing technology with our venerable sports sedan technology to produce the Ink Jetta. This sporty little machine will print from 0 to 60 pages in less than a minute and will provide customers with some real Fahrvergnuegen on the Infobahn."

The Ink Jetta will be a portable printer and is slated to have the latest safety features for use by mobile computing customers. These will include "four rubber feet on the floor" for added traction and air bags to protect the user in the event of a system crash.

Standard features on the

printer will include four doors (to allow adding black and three colored inks separately) and air conditioning (to prevent color melt during hot summer months). Optional features include cruise control for the paper feeder, racing stripes, and a special, heavy-duty suspension system that allows the printer to stay level even when the floor tilts up to 30 degrees (this will be a standard feature on all models sold in California).

In addition to the Ink Jetta, several other products are in the planning stage, including a "Docu-truck", a "Docu-van", and a sports-utility system. The latter will offer the ability to scan, print, or copy anywhere, including such non-urban environments as remote log cabins, backpacking tents, under water, and outer space.

World media

-LONDON (Apr 1, 1997 08:51 a.m. EST) - Britain's Queen Elizabeth launched her own Internet site, Russia's military developed diamond-studded grenades for nouveau-riche gangsters and Belgians were told the summer time change had been cancelled.

-Gullible Britons learned that Walt Disney has purchased Hadrian's Wall, built by the Romans to separate Scotland from England, and that style-conscious Princess Diana had taken to flying economy class.

-Germans read that passengers on Lufthansa airline could soon be seated next to a potential lover as the airline's booking system develops a sideline in computer dating. They were just some of the elaborate spoof

stories with which the world's media celebrated April Fool's day.

Russia's usually staid Itar-Tass news agency reported the country's flourishing gangster class can now send their enemies to oblivion in style.

It said a military factory was turning out diamond-encrusted grenades that would leave victims "in a sea of beautiful sparkling gems, rather than in a pool of blood."

-Belgium's l'Avenir newspaper told readers a European Union conference at the weekend in Turin had decided to cancel summer time -- which came into effect on Saturday night -- and told Belgians to put their watches back one hour.

-A Belgian TV station invited people to the coast to watch a Japanese chef

cook up a rare 20-metre (65-foot) beached shark into instant shark's fin soup.

-A Sri Lankan newspaper said Australian cricketer Shane Warne, whose team was humiliatingly defeated in the World Cup by Sri Lanka last month, had challenged the captain of the island's victorious team, Arjuna Ranatunga, to a boxing match.

-Britain's Guardian newspaper claimed the queen's cyberspace debut included an interactive tour of Buckingham Palace and a quiz about the royal family.

-The royal web site also gave virtual subjects the chance to swear an oath of loyalty in an "on-line audience" with the monarch.

-Some April Fool gags backfired. A

newspaper in southwestern France was deluged with angry phone calls after it announced that the city of Montauban had agreed to build a shelter for British cattle suffering from mad cow disease.

-New Zealand police and commuters were angered when a group of killer whales stranded near Wellington's inter-island ferry terminal, which brought traffic to a near halt, turned out to be rubber dorsal fins attached to wooden blocks.

-And a Belgian newspaper had to apologise to readers after itself falling victim to a spoof and carrying a story inviting veterans of pro-Nazi war groups, former volunteers to the Eastern front and young rightists to apply for free tickets to a Verdi concert.



DO NOT CONNECT TO THE INTERNET FROM 12:01 AM GMT ON FEB. 29 TO 12:01 AM GMT, MARCH 1 !!

It's that time again!

As many of you know, each leap year the Internet must be shut down for 24 hours in order to allow us to clean it. The cleaning process, which eliminates dead email and inactive ftp, www and gopher sites, allows for a better-working and faster Internet.

This year, the cleaning process will take place from 12:01 a.m. GMT on Feb. 29 until 12:01 a.m. GMT on March 1. During that 24-hour period, five powerful Internet-crawling robots situated around the world will search the Internet and delete any data that they find.

In order to protect your valuable data from deletion we ask that you do the following:

1. Disconnect all terminals and local area networks from their Internet connections.
2. Shut down all Internet servers, or disconnect them from the Internet.
3. Disconnect all disks and harddrives from any connections to the Internet.
4. Refrain from connecting any computer to the Internet in any way.

We understand the inconvenience that this may cause some Internet users, and we apologize. However, we are certain that any inconveniences will be more than made up for by the increased speed and efficiency of the Internet, once it has been cleared of electronic flotsam and jetsam. We thank you for your cooperation.

Phil MaCrackin
Interconnected Network Maintenance staff
Main branch, Sudbury Institute of Technology

Sysops and others: Since the last Internet cleaning, the number of Internet users has grown dramatically. Please assist us in alerting the public of the upcoming Internet cleaning by posting this message where your users will be able to read it. Please pass this message on to other sysops and Internet users as well.

Thank you.

LAST CALL

Auditions for
"Single & Sexy"

A Bilingual Play about Sexual Attitudes in the 90's

When: April 4, 1997

From: 4-6 p.m.

Where: Fraser Auditorium

Who: Any Laurentian student interested in acting. There are 6 parts, 3 female and 3 male.

What's in it for you: The actors are granted a small honorarium as well as gaining valuable acting experience.

What to bring: Prepare a monologue and a song.

IMPORTANT: You must be available for rehearsals starting the month of August.

Bilingual applicants preferred.

For more information call Bill Sanders at ext. 2300.

DERNIER RAPPEL

Auditions pour
<<Single and Sexy>>

Une pièce de théâtre bilingue sur les attitudes relatives au sexe dans les
années 90

Date: Le 4 avril 1997

Heure: De 16 h à 18 h

Lieu: Auditorium Fraser

Comédiens: Tout étudiant ou étudiante de la Laurentienne que aimerait jouer dans une pièce de théâtre. Il y a 6 rôles, soit 3 féminins et 3 rôles masculins.

Avantages pour vous: Les comédiens reçoivent un petit cachet en plus d'acquérir une expérience utile du théâtre.

Quoi apporter: Préparez un monologue et une chanson.

IMPORTANT: Vous devez pouvoir commencer à répéter au mois d'août.

Les candidats et candidats bilingues auront la préférence.

Pour de plus amples renseignements, communiquez avec Bill Sanders au poste 2300.

Different Origins of April Fools Day

The way I heard it: Originally, New Year's Day was April 1. Later, when the Church changed the calendar, they also changed the date for the first of the year. However, some people continued using April 1 as the date of the new year. These people were referred to as "April Fools"

At least, that is what I heard. Your mileage may vary.

Dang! And just when this thread was petering out too. By some stroke of luck Harvey was remarkably close with his story of the origins of April Fool's Day. Panati's *Every Origins...* book supports the change in the calendar origin as well. His point being that the change in the Gregorian calendar by King Charles IX in France. As pointed out to some degree by others, France once celebrated New Year's beginning on March 25. This festival ran for a week with the exchange of gifts, and ended with parties on April 1.

IN 1564, King Charles IX decreed that with the adoption of the Gregorian calendar, New Year's be moved to January 1. Those who refused or forgot were ridiculed by being sent foolish gifts and invitations to nonexistent parties. The butt of such a prank was known as a "poisson d'avril." Panati further notes that Napoleon I also acquired "poisson d'avril" when he married Marie-Louise of Austria on 1 April 1810. Over a period of nearly two hundred years, the practice of playing such jokes spread from France to England to the US.

By coincidence, those with access to the Clarinet hierarchy may have noted that they carried an article concerning the history of this holiday on, uh, April 1. In it, they cited the research of Steven Fanning, a professor in the history department of the University of Illinois at Chicago.

In it, he was cited as saying that the playing of pranks of people who didn't keep up with the change in the calendar pretty much happened in most of Europe. He says that the origins behind the French term is unknown (though they were the first nation to adopt the Gregorian calendar).

One other cute point in that article was that April Fool's Day in Scotland is called "April Gawk" and the butt of a prank on that day is called a "gawk." Any comments from the Scottish gallery?

"But can you believe any article published on 1 April?"

This April Fool's Day - I'm on Your Side

Penn and Teller

April Fool's Day is not my favorite tradition. For a rip-off artiste like me, April First is like New Year's Eve to a drunk; amateur night. I started to put together some stupid phoney "Pen-based Virtual Reality for Under Fifty Bucks" thing but it wasn't funny and I didn't feel good about it.

I don't want to scam you people (other than the meta-scam of passing myself off as a computer writer). PCC readers have treated me very well. You people stop me on the street, at my shows, and in restaurants and say very kind things about these columns. The letters to the editor have been, for the most part, very complimentary. Those that have offered constructive criticism I have recorded in a little SideKick 2 file on my traveling Zen and these dirtbags will be dealt with individually. (Never put a return address on a nasty letter about me - I travel, I have spare time, I take everything personally, I have no mercy, and I never take things in the right spirit or let bygones be.)

So, I decided to give you an April Fool's present. It's a very realistic looking ad that offers the hottest computer equipment for stupidly low prices (note the guarantees, this is not a fly-by-night ad).

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They'll be bummed that they "wasted" all that hard-earned money. An enemy suffering should be enough to make your day but if they call the phone number on the ad, you really luck out. They'll get a tape of me, your humble author, berating them, telling them they've been had. Yippee. I like it when we work together.

NEWSFLASH

In a surprise move, Fox reports that they are cancelling their Award winning series *The Simpsons*, effective the end of this month.

Replacing it is a new series, *Hackers*. Set in the present, this High-tech true-crime thriller shows us the seamy underside of the Information Superhighway.

Fox has spared no expense when it comes to technical accuracy. The technical advisors for the show are Laurence Canter and Martha Siegal, authors of the controversial *How to Make a Fortune on the Information Superhighway*, and victims of real-life hackers who attempted to derail their on-line advertising campaign.

The two-hour premier shows the FBI and BATF track down and capture a gang of ruthless child pornographers who are in cahoots with the notorious "PKZ" who developed an ingenious secret code unbreakable even by the NSA! for them to peddle their evil wares, and with a mysterious message-laundering ring in Finland, which specializes in making Internet transactions totally untraceable. It will be broadcast on Sunday evening, April 31, at 8 pm eastern time, 7 central.



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Jewel - Pieces of You

by Mat Thompson
Staff Writer

Sure this album has been out for a little while now (56 weeks on *Billboards* charts now), but I just had it given to me and it's worth reviewing. Sure, this is not the usual music reviewed here, but it's really good.

I remember making fun of the song *Cornflake Girl* a few years back (with good reason) and I thought that this Jewel person would disappear fast, but I was wrong. All of a sudden with her new release *Pieces of You*, Jewel has established herself as one of the few formidable female talents conquering the music business. She writes all her music, plays lead guitar, sings, and as a bonus she is damn hot!

Who Will Save Your Soul and *You Were Meant For Me* are the big releases right now playing everywhere, but it's the emotionally charged songs like *Don't* and *Angel Standing By* that make this album such a powerful compilation. And it's not a cheesy album with seven or eight songs on it, there are a total of fourteen amazing tracks all showing the power and range Jewel possesses.

This is an album worth picking up. The songs are written and performed with the strength and power that music today seems to lack. It's hard to find a really great album sometimes, but this is one of the few. If you haven't picked it up yet, what are you waiting for?



MeatLoaf - Bat Out of Hell 3

by Mat Thompson
Staff Writer

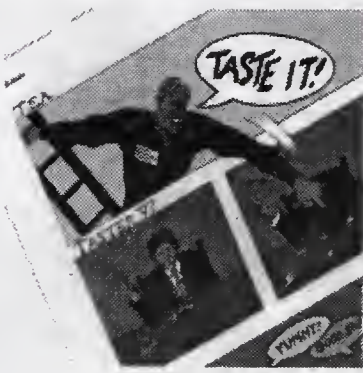
That is right, the meat man is back and has decided to return from hell for one last time. Sure, I know that most of you out there are so sick of *I'd Do Anything For Love*, that you could just kill, but this album is something completely different. Just a little more than half the songs are duets of famous MeatLoaf and other songs sung with some of the biggest stars around, plus there are a few new songs thrown in for the hell of it.

Some of the great duets on this album include *Paradise By the Dashboard Light* with Joan Osborne, *2 Out of 3* with STP frontman Scott Weiland, and a surprisingly good rendition of *Anything For Love* performed with The Lemonheads. There are also duets with Sammy Hagar (it's not like he has a career anymore), REM's Michael Stipe, and even Ted Nugent. But it's two new songs that seem to have the music world on the edge of their seats.

The first new song which should hit the radio soon is *From Dawn Till Dusk* on which MeatLoaf is backed up by the likes of Slash and Eddie and Alex Van Halen. This song just pounds out pure rock. And the second new track that is creating a stir is titled *You Never Die Forever*, which is a fitting title since it is sung

by MeatLoaf, Ozzy Osborne and Alice Cooper. It's kind of scary having these three together on one song, but it actually came out good.

I know most people back away when they hear the name MeatLoaf, but this album is definitely different. If you are a fan of any of these groups, you should definitely pick up *Bat Out Of Hell 3*.

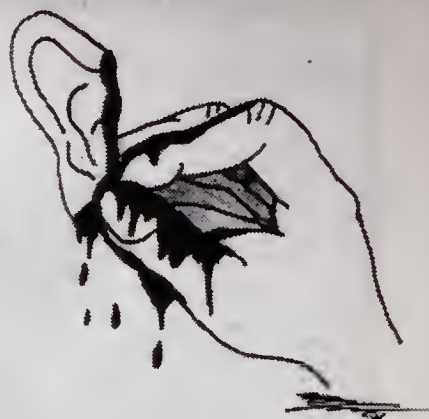


V.A. - Taster 1997

by Mat Thompson
Staff Writer

Back in 1989 at Wilfred Laurier, the WLU Musician's Network was formed so campus-based musicians could meet, perform and record their own music. Over the past few years it has become tradition for them to record and release a compilation album each year and Taster 1997 would be the latest (hence

LEND ME AN EAR



Helmet - Aftertaste

by Mat Thompson
Staff Writer

By the time this review is printed, the newest album by Helmet should have hit the record store shelves. I have actually had this album for a little over a month now and have had time to grow into actually liking it. It's probably good that the record label (Universal) sent out memos saying not to review until after March 10 or the review would have been drastically different.

Aftertaste is thirteen tracks of pure rock driven by the strong guitar leads of Page Hamilton and Chris Traynor. There is no alternative style here, there is just in your face, kick your ass rock! Listening to the songs, you pick up on the groups strong opinions and hilarious comments on the world around them. One of the best lines is from the song "Birth Defect" and it says exactly what I think of the people who have a problem with my reviewing style, "I'd rather be insulted by you than someone I respected!"

Rock fans, and I know you are out there trying to survive the alterna-clone world of music, this is the album for you. Rock, rock and more rock is all you get from Helmet on *Aftertaste*. Is there anything else?

the name '97).

There are differing styles on the album ranging from rock to alternative to post modern. All the bands and individuals are good and seem to have a grasp on the Canadian music scene. Sterling Lynch and Kevin Powell both stand out with two songs on the album (Powell both by himself and partner Rebekah Eckert), but it's 200 Proof and Chase Meridian that seem heads above the rest. According to the band bio's Chase's members are still arguing over their name, but I don't understand why? Most movie experts would easily see that they are named after Nicole Kidman's character in *Batman Forever*.

This is a good album that showcases the talents of some of Ontario's new up and coming bands. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of *Taster 1997*, just Email 00wlumus@mach1.wlu.ca and you can get all the info on the album.



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U2 at L.U.?

That's right! The rumors were floating around but it has just been confirmed that U2 is going to use Laurentian as one of the kick off points for their new *Pop Tart Tour*.

While there were some unhappy students because of the cancelled Rock Party. Romeo Butheadey, Vice-President of Residences, said, "We can't in good conscience cancel a party that has been a staple of this University. And, of all groups to have come to Laurentian... We're here for the kids. No one else. You're not telling anyone about this, are you? This is all off the record, right?"

Sure, everyone has been saying that the Rock Party at the end of the year is canceled, but that is just the SAG's way of keeping the concert quiet. The date was previously unreleased but the insiders at Lambda have just learned it will be April 31st. The concert will be played outdoors on campus at the Ben Avery stadium. There is a cost of only \$2 to get onto the grounds for Laurentian students (\$35 for the general public).

Labbat's is one of the sponsors so alcohol will be served. Also, Butheadey has confirmed that LU President, Paolo Rossi, will be the opening act. "Sure, he's folksy and somewhat mellow. But just imagine what he could do with Discotheque. This is going to be the biggest thing to hit our school in a long time! Just picture it, Paolo Rossi, Bono and The Edge all playing here! This is all off the record, right?"

For more information and advance tickets just call the SAG office at 675-7456, they have all the juice on what is happening.

Private Parts Revealed!

by Mat Thompson
Staff Writer

The King of all Media has done it again. He has the number one radio talk show, movie and soundtrack album. What else is there for him to do? The presidency is a good next step, but first they have to get Bubba out of office first. Seriously though, **Howard Stern** has become one of the biggest icons around right now.

The movie **Private Parts** opened a few weeks ago and shot right to number one. I watched this movie about a week ago now and I see why. This is the funniest biography I have ever seen. I thought I had a weird life but holy shit, Stern has me beat. In the movie, Stern plays himself through the years of trying to become a successful radio DJ. Some of the scene's are almost unbelievable, but if you have ever heard Stern's radio show you have no doubt that this is his life.

Everyone in the movie is great, but it's the character of **Pig Vomit** that takes the cake. Pig Vomit is an old producer who tried to tame Stern but just ended up fighting him every day of his existence. The name comes from the fact that "he looks like a pig and he makes me want to vomit" Stern explains. Stern's father is also hilarious yelling at him all the time telling him to shut up and calling him a moron. And as a tribute to his father, Howard took some old recording of his father talking and singing to him and had them mixed into a techno-dance song "*The Ben Stern Megamix*".

The Ben Stern is the big hit of the soundtrack, but there are many other bands which make this album great. With classics by **Van Halen** and **Deep Purple** and newer groups like **Marilyn Manson**, **Porno For Pyros** and **White Zombie** it's no wonder the soundtrack is number one. But wait, there's more! The soundtrack also features some pairings you would never see normally like **LL Cool J** with **The Red Hot Chili Peppers** and even Howard himself with **The Dust Brothers**.

These pairings and others are great, but what do you expect? Stern is a DJ. He plays music for a living, so of course he is going to have a great soundtrack album.

So if you want to see a good movie, go see **Private Parts**, it will surprise you. I even saw a few people crying at a few points. If its good music you are looking for, pick up the soundtrack, and if you just want to hear a great morning show and you are around Sarnia or Windsor, Stern's show is played on Detroit's 101 FM WRIF. You just have to hear it once and you will be hooked!



My Two Cents' Worth (Don't Read This if You're a Snob)

by Jane Djivré
Contributor

After giving my two cents' worth about a couple of Sudbury cafés, I thought I would change the topic and put my money where my mouth is. I want to talk about something some people love to do, some hate to do, and some do a little too much of: shopping. Clothes shopping, to be exact. I know this may sound like a costly venture, but that all depends on where you shop, now doesn't it? I'm a sucker for a good deal, and after many extraneous hours of seeking out prime outlets for major deals, I would like to spread the news: buying clothes does not have to wring your pockets dry! Through my ravaging escapades for that one of a kind look, I have happened upon the perfect setting for Ye, of little cents: Second Hand Clothing Boutiques.

Now that society has kicked into a recycling craze, along with the recent retro fashion frenzy, stores hosting gently used clothing seem to be the "in" thing, which is wonderful news for ultra-cheapos like myself. Some venues of this type in Sudbury include the YWCA, the Salvation Army Thrift Shop, the Jarrett Centre and Value Village. Each has their pros and cons. All have prices that would make J.R. Eaton cry.

The Salvation Army Thrift

Shop is located on Larch and Lasalle. Not only is it a great place to get clothes, the Larch St. location also has appliances and furniture. In addition, both locations give students an extra 20% discount. For example, I recently got an oven like new for 44 bucks. 44 bucks! There is an additional \$20 delivery charge, so you're better off if you know someone with a truck. Also, all clothes are colour-coded, and every day one colour is 50% off the ticket price. Fridays one colour is 90% off the ticket price. You could walk away with a Suzy Shier shirt for a quarter or a cool blazer for a buck. Jeans are always \$5.

The YWCA is located in a house on Elm St. (note it's not the YMCA), and is a way cool place to get professional or-dressy looking clothes, from suits to dresses and more. OK, I know most guys won't want the dresses. But there are rooms full of guys', children's and women's clothing, all at very reasonable prices. I bought a bunch of business clothes for five bucks apiece, saving hundreds. It also has lots of typical garage sale items for next to nothing. Profits go towards projects and facilities that protect women, like shelters.

If you're driving down Notre Dame you may have noticed the last two shops I mention, the Jarrett Centre and Value Village. These two differ greatly. The former, a small store, dimly lit, has racks of clothes varying in price from \$2 to \$10. Sometimes sales offer jeans or skirts

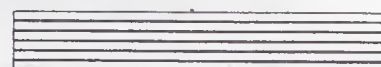
for one or two bucks, but at the end of the season, clothes sell for an incredible \$1 a bag. Yes, you read that right. This store is unique because most of its employees are Sudburians who have some sort of disability and all the profit goes back into community projects.

Then we have the Goliath in the family—Value Village. The prices are pretty good, but the range is a little higher than in the shops previously mentioned, going from \$1 to \$30 or more. Prime shopping time is when the store has a "50% off sale," but there's a trade off for long lines. The best thing about this place is the variety, with dishes, sports equipment, furniture, books, etc., all at reasonable prices. This has a department store layout with lots of aisles, bright lights, and constant announcements thanking you for helping the community. However, which community is that? This store is putting the Jarrett Centre in financial jeopardy. It solicits donations over the phone and makes donors think they are helping the Sudbury community, when profits actually go to the Ontario Association of Community Living, and is then distributed further. This may be something to think about as you are in line buying that expensive-looking jewelry for 50 cents, and the winter coat for \$5.

One disadvantage of shopping in these establishments is variety. If you are very small or very large, it may be hard to find the perfect item. The Value Village and Salvation Army on Lasalle seem to minimize

this problem by having a decent variety of almost any size you can think of. Also, many people aren't keen on wearing something that has been worn by another. This really depends on you. For many, washing an item thoroughly will suffice. It's not like we're sharing our boxers here, just recycling rugged, good quality, and gently used stuff like jeans, shirts, dresses and skirts. Most don't buy recycled shoes, but for those that do, it is possible to make a comfy insole from carpet underlay, with the confidence that your feet are touching new ground, untouched by another. Lastly, sometimes the really inexpensive clothes (we're talking loose change here) are in piles on tables, requiring a bit of time and patience. I like to think of it as exploring for hidden treasure.

So the next time you are low in the cash department but need a new look for the night, check out these places. What you find might actually surprise you. And that's my two cents' worth.



Kraft Dinner Desserts For Special Occasions

Cheesy Jello Surprise

Directions: When you have company coming over and no time to create a special dessert, here is a quick and easy recipe. Take the leftover KD out of your fridge and stir it around to separate noodles. Then proceed to make a bowl of Jello according to directions. Fill the bottom of a Jello mould with most of the left over KD. Once that is done, pour in the jello and mix in a few noodles. Cool in the fridge, tip out onto a plate when ready to serve and enjoy!

Black Forest Cheese Cake

Directions: Bake a chocolate cake and let it cool. Once that is done, make one box of KD according to directions on side of box. Take the cake, cut it down the middle, fill with most of the KD and replace top. Ice the cake with a cream cheese style of icing and decorate the top with the remains of the KD. If there is extra cheese powder it can be used as decoration sprinkled on the side of the cake.

Easter

Easter is coming up and here are a few Easter ideas for KD.

1. Buy hollow chocolate eggs, split them apart and fill with KD. Its the perfect Easter surprise.
2. Hide boxes of KD instead of eggs. Its more practical a gift for a starving student.
3. When mixing your Easter KD, separate it into different bowls and colour each with different food colorings for that festive look.



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Match Of The Century!

by Lia Ire
Contributor

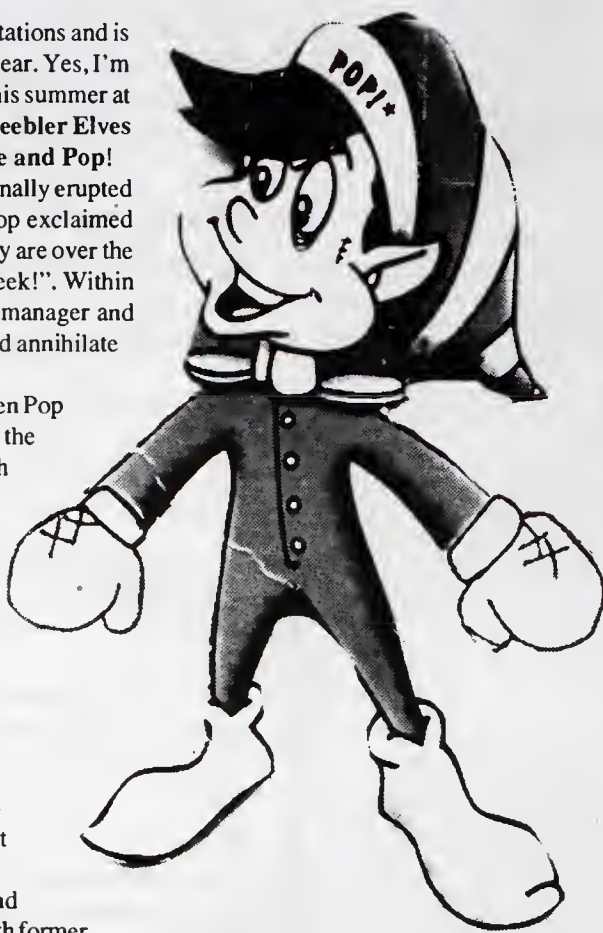
It has been announced on all the sports stations and is expected to be the biggest sports spectacle of the year. Yes, I'm talking about the match that has been signed for this summer at Trump Plaza. Finally in one ring together, **The Keebler Elves** will be taking on long time rivals **Snap, Crackle and Pop!**

The grudge has existed for years and it finally erupted in a candid interview with **A Current Affair**, Pop exclaimed "Those Keebler Elves are a bunch of p****s. They are over the hill and we could kick their a** any day of the week!". Within days the Keebler elves responded through their manager and trainer Mr. Christie they would "smash, crush and annihilate those little f****ers!"

All of this seems to stem from a time when Pop was an out of work elf and applied for a job with the Keebler organization. They were impressed with his credentials, but had to let him go when his cookies made loud popping noises when dunked in milk. Pop then joined his old school friends at Kellogg's and the rest is history. Pop never did forget about being fired and when the interviewer brought up his past with the Keeblers, he erupted.

The match will be a six man tag match with no disqualification's or count-outs. Trump Plaza will be hyping this match within the next few months and will broadcast it on Pay-Per-View. The match will take place on July 4 as part of the American Independence Day celebration.

Snap "Dragon", "Wildman" Crackle, and "The Immortal" Pop have started their training with former champion **Toucan Sam**. But it's the Elves who seem intent on destroying the "Breakfast" team. "These guys are push-overs! Once we destroy them we want a shot at the champs!" The champs of course being the undefeated team of the Tetley Tea elves. But the Keeblers had better keep their minds on this match. The Keeblers are known for fighting dirty, but that might be a little harder with special guest referee **Tony The Tiger**. Promoter Don King has dubbed this match the **Mayhem In The Morning** and thinks this is going to be bigger than Tyson/Holyfield. Hide the milk and put the kids to bed, this ain't gonna be pretty.



Sudbury Goes Hollywood

by Dee Mille
Contributor

In a statement released March 24th to select media groups, **Twentieth Century Fox** has announced that as of November of this year they will begin filming the latest **National Lampoon** movie right here in Sudbury. The title of the movie is **National Lampoon's Snow Job** and will film at and around the sites and area of Sudbury.

The cast is not final, but some names linked to the film are **SNL's Chris Farley**, **Jerry O'Connell (Sliders)**, and **Renee Zellweger (Jerry Maguire)**. According to casting executives there will be many small roles, crowd scenes and even a few bigger roles which will be open to the public for auditions. There is no date set yet for the

auditions, but there will be a public announcement coming within the next few months.

The story is similar to that of **Animal House**, just set in a snow town with lots of hockey, skiing, and snowmobiles. It's a basic plot about Gen-X youths, but most Lampoon movies aren't really about much any-way except for partying.

There were many towns considered, but Sudbury won after the director saw some shots taken of Sudbury from when "Norm and Cliff" filmed their Beer Store commercial at the Big Nickel last November. The Nickel itself is rumoured to be a central figure in the storyline.

Watch the news for the next few months and an official announcement will be made by Fox executives. Hopefully everything will run as planned as filming here will give a good boost to the economy as well as some extra jobs for those of us who need the money.

A Quiet Space

by Jane Djivre
Staff Writer

Most of Laurentian's students and staff population is probably unaware of a sunny room tucked away in the Parker building. It's called the **Chaplain's office and Campus Ministry Drop-In Centre**. Ask a dozen people what it's for and you'll probably get the same answer: "The Campus Drop what? Never heard of it." The Drop-In Centre is located in L228, the old Ombudsperson office, right beside the Student Housing office and down the hall from Student Awards with a "Welcome/Bienvenue" sign attached to the door.

The purpose of this space is almost as varied as the people it represents. It is meant to be a quiet space for anyone, student or staff, a place to study when the library gets too loud, a place to hold a meeting for class projects. It's a place to confidentially talk to a chaplain or student about anything, with a schedule of all volunteers outside the door in case you would like to speak to someone in particular. It's a place to relax and grab a cup of coffee, tea, hot chocolate and some Oreos, a place to learn, to ask questions, to seek answers, a place to grieve, be alone or pray, to find help, support, phone numbers and contacts according to your situation or needs. Get the point? It's what you want it to be.

The Campus Ministry is supported by numerous staff who serve on the board as representatives of several religions, including Moslem, Jewish, Bahai, People of Good Will, Native and Christian faiths. Many people have misconceptions about the purpose of the room. It's not a hangout for a bunch of religious freaks trying to rope in converts by giving a free cup of coffee and a listening ear. Don't let misconceptions prevent you from enjoying a space reserved for your needs. This space is open to everyone. Feel free to drop in and check it out or call ext 1080. At a time when life is blustering whirlwind of things to do, it's nice to have a quiet space.

Howard Stern On Air, Hear on 96.7FM!

by Yim Lyart
Staff Writer

Media devil and mogul **Howard Stern** will be making a guest DJ appearance this coming Tuesday on CKLU 96.7, formerly CFLR 106.7. The surprise visit, which was leaked to Lambda, coincides with the first week of CFLR cable FM going to an FM format on 96.7.

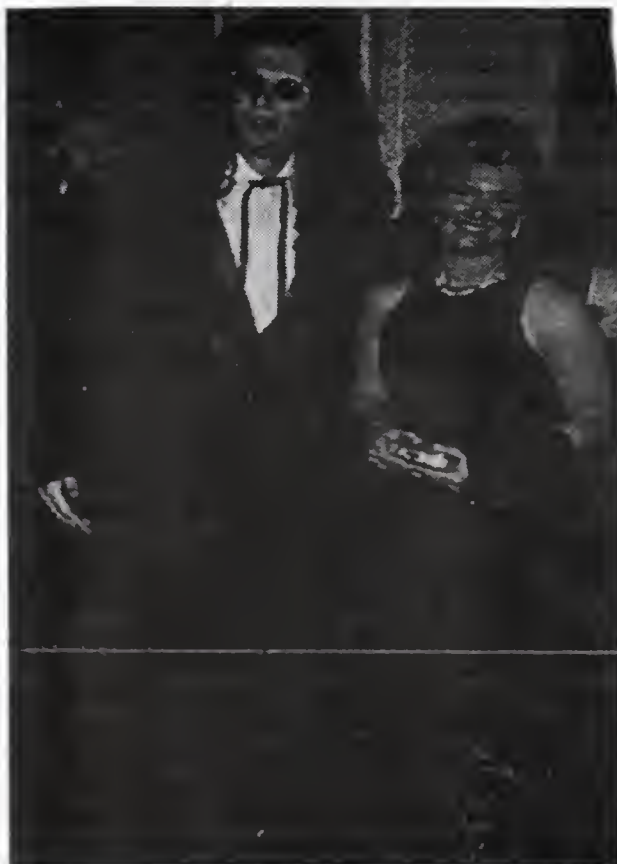
According to sources close to the larger-than-life media star, Stern has fond memories as a child of attending the famous summer camp, **Sudbury Children's Camp for Radio Stars (SUCCRS)**. This now defunct summer camp gave birth to other radio giants Casey Kasem and **Larry King**. During the five year run of the camp, guest appearances were made by music giants **Dick Clark (American Bandstand)** and **Don Cornelius (Soul Train)**. Due to financial strain, the camp was forced to close in 1980 after five years of operation. As a way of returning some of the happiness and laughter he extracted from his stay in Sudbury, Stern will give a bit of exposure to the newest of Sudbury's radio stations, 96.7.

The camp is truly a part of Sudbury media history. No other children's radio summer camp can boast such an alumni. Lambda reminisced with one of Howard Stern's old friends at the SUCCRS summer camp, **Professor Ura Foold**. Professor Foold remembered fondly his prodigious student, always playing practi-

cal jokes on his fellow radio DJs and as Professor Foold said, 'often up to no good.' Despite being voted most unlikely to succeed by his classmates, the Professor long believed that his mischievous student would succeed. Even Professor Foold admits though that he never imagined Howard would grow up to have a nationally syndicated radio show and the number one movie in the box office.

Once this vigilant reporter learned of the Howard Stern guest appearance, the director of music programming for CKLU 96.7 was im-

mediately contacted. Music Director **Dan Kidding** would not confirm the guest appearance of Howard Stern but did admit that he himself was aquatinted with Stern, having being a roommate with Stern at the summer camp SUCCRS. Mr. Kidding's advice was that all should tune the radio to 96.7 on Tuesday to hear the best radio station in all of Sudbury featuring the best DJ Sudbury was ever produced. Indeed, all of us look forward to hearing Sudbury's star child on the air. Timmins may have **Shania Twain**, but we have Howard Stern!



WHAT'S ON AROUND TOWN

Monday, March 30th

Townhouse Tavern - **Metallica**. On the road from the Corel Centre, Metallica will be stopping in town for a one-time, one-show event on their way to Montreal. Admission is free and restricted to the first 1000 people. Get in line early to avoid disappointment.

Tuesday, April 1st

Cinescreen is pleased to present a midnight showing of the **Rocky Horror Picture Show**. Tickets will be available at various outlets throughout the city, including the Lottery Kiosk in the New Sudbury Shopping Centre. Just ask for Stefano. People in costume when purchasing tickets receive free bucket o' popcorn and gallon-jug of Coke at the screening.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention all arts students who still lack their science requirement

As you know, all students in Humanities and Social Sciences must take 6 credits in Science in order to graduate. You probably also know that the Faculty of Science does not make it easy to fulfill this requirement. Only one science course is tailored for Arts students: Contemporary Science-GSCI 1010 EZ. My advice is to take this course in the Spring Session. Sincerely, Dr. Rand Dyck, Vice-Dean of Social Sciences.

"NCBI: The Next Step"

As part of its Days Without Discrimination Series, the LU Women's Centre presents "NCBI: The Next Step", on Friday, April 4, 1997, 9 to 4 p.m. All those who have attended the "Welcoming Diversity" workshop with NCBI are welcomed to attend. There is no cost to participants. Location: T.B.A. For further information and/or to pre-register, please call 675-1151 (1089)

Indian Vegetarian Cooking

As part of its Wellness Series, the LU Women's Centre presents "Indian Vegetarian Cooking" on Saturday, April 12, 1997, 12 to 3 p.m. in L-239. Cost: \$4 (students, enemployed); \$8 (other). Cost includes a full dinner and a demonstration. Please call 675-1151(1089) for further information and/or to pre-register.

Canadian Crossroads International

Crossroads is now recruiting for applicants for its overseas programmes in 1998. Crossroads is an organization which fosters global understanding by placing Canadian volunteers in countries of the developing world, by placing volunteers from developing countries in Canada, and by promoting understanding through education. Placements are short term, 4 to 6 months, and students can complete their stay over the summer period. Crossroaders stay with families in the country of their placement and are assigned a job; no particular skills are required. Anybody over the age of 19 is eligible to apply, but people with more than 8 weeks of experience in a developing country are not normally accepted.

For the past ten years, volunteers from Sudbury have participated in the Crossroads programme visiting countries in South America, the Caribbean, Africa, and southern Asia. Normally there are one or two placements a year from Sudbury.

Anybody interested in the Crossroads programme or wishing to apply should contact Paddy Blenkinsop at the office of Student Life, Room L210, 2nd floor, Parker Building; telephone 673-6506 (Work). Applications may be accepted up to August 1st 1997.

Sale! Sale! Sale!

Herstory Calendar 1997 now on sale! Regular \$12.00/each, Now only \$6.00 each. Contact the LU Women's Center for further information, 675-1151 (1089)

Facilities available for rent

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STUDENTS!!!!

Pick up your copy of the draft "Charter of Student Rights, Responsibilities and Code of Conduct" at the SGA Office. The second part of an "open forum to discuss aspects of the proposals will be held Thursday, April 3rd at 9:30 a.m. Room L-303

The Student Centre is currently looking for a Manager

The successful candidate must:

- ◆ be a student
- ◆ be bilingual
- ◆ have knowledge of university procedures
- ◆ be responsible
- ◆ be mature and personable

Duties include:

- ◆ run smoothly and efficiently the Centre
- ◆ hire, train and supervise staff during the academic year
- ◆ scheduling of staff

Must be available 20 hours/week
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Work period: May 1997 to April 30, 1998

Deadline for application is April 11, 1997
Send resumé to the Placement Centre, room L-210 R.D. Parker Building, 935 Ramsey Lake Road, Sudbury, ON P3E 2C6 c/o Chris Guerrette

The Student Centre is currently looking for a Secretary

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- ◆ be responsible
- ◆ be punctual
- ◆ be available to work 10hrs/week
- ◆ be an OSAP recipient

Duties include:

- ◆ assisting Student Centre meetings
- ◆ take minutes
- ◆ set up meetings
- ◆ assist to the manager of the Centre

Rate of pay: \$8.00/hour
Work period: May 1997 to May 1998
Deadline for application is April 18, 1997
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Snow or no Snow, the Boys of Summer are Back!

A 1997 Baseball Preview

by Erik White
Contributor

At long last the labour difficulties experienced over the last few years are gone, and hopefully the fans will start to come back now that the squabbling is over. Inter-league play will be introduced this season, in yet another attempt to raise attendance figures. Each team will play 4 series (12 games total) against teams from the opposing league. The Jays and Expos will square off for the first time in a three game set at SkyDome June 30, July 1 and July 2.

The off season wasn't free of big free agent signings in the shadow of the new collective bargaining agreement. Albert Belle, left Cleveland for 10 million plus a season in Chicago, adding to a long list of Chicago "Bad Boys" including Dennis Rodman, Bryan Cox and Bob Probert. With Belle and Frank Thomas, the White Sox now have the best one-two punch in the game and should have a good race with the Indians (who replaced Belle with frequently injured Giants' slugger Matt Williams) for the division title. World Series MVP John Wetteland was also on the move parting with the Yanks for the Rangers, who hope he can put them over the top with a steadier bullpen. The Florida Marlins also opened up the cheque book and bought themselves a contender. Along with new Manager Jim Leyland, Florida signed Bobby Bonilla, Moises Alou and Alex Fernandez.

On the Canadian front, the Blue Jays are back in the mix, after abandoning their short lived youth movement and opting for an older, higher payroll team with really ugly uniforms. There will be tonnes of

pressure on new Toronto hurler and 3 time Cy Young award winner Roger Clemens who is now the highest paid pitcher in history. Also arriving in T.O. are Orlando Merced, Benito Santiago and Carlos Garcia. The Expos continue to lose their higher priced talent, this year missing Moises Alou, Mel Rojas and Jeff Fassero. The Expos have lost players in the past, and have remained competitive because of their productive farm system, sending up young prospects like outfielder Vladimir Guerrero and pitcher Jose Paniagua this year.

Three Expected things to happen this Season:

1. An Atlanta Brave will win the National league Cy Young Award.
2. Due to Fan rebellion and general disgust, the Blue Jays will change their uniforms yet again.
3. After being kicked out of Baseball for the eighth time, Drug using Yankee reliever Steve Howe will be reinstated once more.

Three unexpected things to happen this Season:

1. To make up for last year's home run happy season, the juiced balls used last year will be replaced by ping-pong sized balls, raising pitching statistics and forcing defensively inept sluggers Cecil Fielder and Jose Canseco into retirement.
2. The Montreal Expos' fuzzy, orange haired mascot "Youppi" will come off the bench and throw a perfect game on the road against the Colorado Rockies, and go on to win 20 games, but leave Montreal in the off season for more money somewhere else.
3. In order to appease its frustrated following, Major League Baseball's new Commissioner will be an unknown fan named Erik White.

Honsing and Mike SIGMA DELTA (We are just) AWESOME!!!!

by Honsing Leung and
Mike LeBlanc
Contributors

Honsing

Remember the retraction? Well, screw it, we are the BEST!! On Thursday March 27th, 1997 the intramural volleyball semi-finals and finals took place at the Ben Avery Gymnasium. Who do you think came out on top? Well, this is a no brainer, Sigma Delta Awesome did! How did we do it? Well, with pure skill. We did however have a little mental breakdown in the semis as we were missing the spiritual expertise of Mike "game starts at 9 not 9:30" Ball. They took us to 3 games but didn't have the fire to finish us. The finals were just pure excitement. The team executed like a university champion. It is a testament to the hard work and dedication that we put in this year. All those long Sunday practices that we had to endure. I think that the inspirational words of the "Don" prior to the finals did it. We will be hard pressed to 3-peat next year as we have 4 graduating seniors but there is a good recruiting program in place and we expect to be there again next season. Hey, this is the beginning of a dynasty! I'm just glad that I am a part of it. Congrats to Katrina for playing some wicked V-ball in the finals to take home MVP honors. I was gonna run a list of players, but Mike has already beat me to it.

Dean, here are some choices for your challenge!!

Teams that will win:

AL: Baltimore (East)

Chicago (Central) Seattle (West)

NL: Atlanta (East)

St. Louis (Central) Colorado (West)

Wild Cards: Toronto & Florida

AL Champ: Toronto NL Champ: Atlanta

World Series Winner: Bring the trophy on home boys!!

MVP: Ken Griffey Jr. (AL) Jeff Bagwell (NL)

Cy: Roger Clemens (AL) Tom Glavine (NL) It's his turn in the rotation again

ROTY: Nomar Garciaparra (AL)

Any Dodger or Vladimir Guerrero (NL) Expos

Manager of the Year: Terry Bevington (AL) Jim Leyland (NL)

Look for Barry Bonds to get traded before we head back to school for the 97-98 year. Hopefully to a full charging Jays team. I know Mike got his picks from one of the guides so I wouldn't take your money anywhere, let alone Vegas.

Mike

Well, how does that expression go, if you're gonna talk the talk, you better walk the walk and the Sigma Delta Awesome volleyball team definitely walked the walk. We are now the two time defending intramural champions, and the legend has only begun to grow. Like any good championship team we must think about the future, so any players who think they can contribute to a champion are encouraged to contact Sigma Delta Awesome World Headquarters.

In response to Dean's little article last week I will boldly make my picks for the upcoming baseball season. Let me begin with the prediction of this year's pennant winners. AL East - Baltimore Orioles, AL Central - Cleveland Indians, AL West - Seattle Mariners, NL East - Atlanta Braves, NL Central - Houston Astros & NL West - Los Angeles Dodgers. The two wild card teams will be the San Diego Padres and the New York Yankees. The AL champion will be the Seattle Mariners and the NL champion will be the Los Angeles Dodgers. The Dodgers will then proceed to claim the World Series Title on the back of Mike Piazza (got him in the pool). Managers of the year will be for the AL - Lou Pinella and for the NL - Bill Russell. Rookies of the year will be Todd Walker of the Twins

(got him in the pool) for the AL and Vladimir Guerrero of the Expos (Dean's got him) in the NL. Cy Young Award winners will be Ken Hill of the Rangers (got him in the pool) in the American and Greg Maddux of the Braves in the National. Finally for the MVPs: in the American league it'll be Kenny Lofton and in the National league it'll be Mike Piazza. I'm telling ya, everyone reading should head down to Vegas and put all their money on these picks because they're all mortal locks. As a matter of fact, I'm about as sure of these picks as I am that Robin Ventura will be starting at third base for the White Sox on opening day!

Once again, the World Wrestling Federation displayed its own brand of sports entertainment this past Sunday's with the presentation of Wrestlemania 13 (hell, I don't think the majority of the wrestlers can count to 13 but I digress). In the interests of keeping this article under a page and giving Honsing equal print space I will reserve myself a brief recap of the events highlights. I am a self admitted internet freak and I always end up disappointed because I read all of these rumors on the net and, when they don't happen, I become bitter and despondent. Anyway, even if a bunch of stuff didn't happen, it's okay, because the WWF still put on one hell of a show. In the match of the night, Bret Hart beat Steve Austin in a submission Match when Steve Austin passed out from a combination of pain and loss of blood. Hart had Austin in the sharpshooter when referee Ken Shamrock (yes, that Ken Shamrock) ordered the match to be ended. There was also a wild Chicago street fight which included tables, chairs, garbage cans and even a kitchen sink. The winners were Ahmed Johnson and the Legion of Doom over the Nation of Domination. The evening wrapped up with the match for the WWF title. Bret Hart once again became involved and it was his interference that turned the tide of a hard fought match and permitted the Undertaker to execute his Tombstone Piledriver on Psycho Sid to become the new WWF champion. A good time was had by all, except for maybe Steve Austin who lost a couple of pints of blood.

Gladiators Ready!!!

Turbo. Ice. Siren. These have become household names for growing legions of sports fans, especially here in Sudbury. With its near addictive combination of flashy spectacle and gruelling athleticism, the American Gladiators is an entertainment spectacle not to be missed. And now, for the first time ever, Sudberians will get their chance to see their favourite gladiators live as they invade the Sudbury Arena this summer. Management of the Sudbury Arena have just announced that they have reached an agreement with the producers of American Gladiators for a one-time performance with proceeds going to local charities.

What's more, the contestants will be none other than members of the Sudbury Wolves. Tickets are available through Ticketmiser or at the Lotto kiosk in the New Sudbury Mall (ask for Stefano).

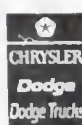
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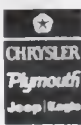


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SPAD Speaks

by Dean McIntosh
Columnist

Five days remain until the greatest day of the entire year, bar none. Baseball '97 opens April 1st in Cincinnati with predictions of great things to come. Last week a challenge was issued to the authors of Honsing and Mike to make their predictions for the upcoming season. With that challenge in mind, it is only fair that yours truly also participate in this gala affair.

The American League East shapes up as a 3 team race with the Tigers and Red Sox on the outside looking in. Baltimore, although a little weak in the starting rotation, have just too powerful an offense not to prevail. At the opposite end of the spectrum are the hitting-challenged Blue Jays. Although the Jays should edge out the Yankees for second place in the East, they will miss out on the coveted wild card.

In the Central, the Cleveland Indians will defend their title for the third consecutive year. Although the White Sox looked solid, their fortunes took a left-hand turn at the same time Robin Ventura's leg took a left-hand turn. The Sox pitching is simply not strong enough to compete with the Indians. Fortunately for the Indians, the other three teams do not have the fire power or pitching to compete and will be battling themselves just to reach the .500 mark. However, if D'Amico, Eldred and McDonald are healthy, the Brewers could be a dark horse.

Seattle, Seattle and Seattle sums up the AL West. A runaway with the Mariners having a solid chance to win 100 if the Unit is on his game.

The National League East shapes up as a solid battle for the first time in the 1990's. The Braves had their chance and this is the year they fall to the Marlins. Sheffield, Conine, Renteria, Bonilla, Alou and White will provide more than enough firepower to support the great pitching of Brown, Leiter, Fernandez and Nen. The Braves will hang on for the wild card but very little consolation, as they will be finished early in October.

The Central is the worst division in baseball and the Cardinals will repeat as champions. Big deal.

The West is the Dodgers to win. Piazza will have a monster season and watch for Wilton Guerrero to continue the Dodgers trend of producing rookies of the year. The San Francisco Giants could be worse than the Phillies or the Pirates, although they all belong in the Pacific Coast League.

Finally, my picks for the major award winners for the upcoming season.

Rookies of the Year

NL Wilton Guerrero - just by a hair over brother Vladimir.
AL Nomar Garciaparra - he plays in a prevalent market; a benefit Todd Walker doesn't have.

MVP

NL Mike Piazza - Sheffield can't stay healthy over 162 games, Piazza will be huge.
AL Alex Rodriguez - too good for the sophomore slump, will receive his reward one year late.

Cy Young

NL Ismael Valdes - he's from Mexico and might be 33, not 23, but he can pitch.
AL Troy Percival - absolutely dominant. If the Angels can win 85, he will win the CY.

Play-off Teams

AL East	Baltimore
AL Central	Cleveland
AL West	Seattle
Wild Card	Chicago
NL East	Florida
NL Central	St. Louis
NL West	Los Angeles
Wild Card	Atlanta

World Series

The Seattle Mariners will go all the way and defeat the Dodgers of L.A. in 6.

The Rookie's Point of View

by Kristian Bischoff
Contributor

Being a rookie at one sport or another is something all athletes have to go through. The first time I saw the Nordic Ski team was at the first meeting in late September. I just sat by myself, watched all these huge, fast looking guys walk in and kept my mouth shut like a good rookie. After the initiations I had in high school, I know what a good rookie should do to prevent any severe hazing activity from happening to me.

When the snow finally came, we moved into the stadium change room that the soccer team uses during their season.

When we went away to races, of course I never sat in the back of the van because rookies just aren't supposed to do this. That was a big mistake because it provided the guys behind me with numerous opportunities for head-slaps when I said or did something out of line. I have to say that, by the time we got to Ottawa, my hair was very messy. The other mistake with sitting in the middle is that you are too far away to hear the weekly sex conversation

with the coach. Being in first year, and being a male, I need all the pointers I can get.

In university ski meets there are two races you have to ski. The first is a freestyle, or skating, technique while the other is classic. In high school, all you have to do is skate. I've been working at classic for two months and I still haven't got it. At the first race I thought "this classic stuff isn't so hard," but the weekend after, in Ottawa, I ended up in the trees with the handle of a ski pole jammed down my throat five times. I have never been so snowy in my life.

Next year when everyone is gone except for two women and my-

self, I will inherit the legacy of the men's team. I'll be giving the head-slaps in the van. And if I choose to make the mistake of putting red wax on my skis when the temperature calls for green wax, it will be okay. And if the rookies notice that I have a hard time using cutlery and that I can't ski a kilometre on classic skis without hurting myself, I won't get any head-slaps because they will all be good rookies like me. This year I've had the most fun out of all my seasons of skiing and I have to thank everyone for that. So, for James, Tim, Ben, Bronwen, Diane and Carol, good luck! Megan, Laura and I will take good care of the team you left us.



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This Amiable column is based on questions or suggestions received by staff members of the Dcsmarais Library either personally or on the "Compliments / Questions / Suggestions" form that may be filled out near the exit of the library.

Question: I was made aware today that the public document collection currently located on the third floor library is to be moved to the second floor. This is a ridiculous idea. Having the public documents in its own section facilitates the use of them; moving them will make it terribly confusing. Although I am graduating this year, I am still very concerned for those students that will have to search for something with difficulty. P.S. I was also made aware that Frank Stradiotto will be moved downstairs and will have less time to assist students with the public documents. Please reconsider this move.

Reply: The Amiable Librarian

assures you that the library would never do anything deliberately that would impair its ability to offer service. Any change it makes is designed to offer more efficient service to users. As a start, the Amiable Librarian admits you are correct: this summer it is the library's intention to move public documents, along with Mr. Stradiotto, down to the second floor. But you should know three things about the move.

First, only "core" documents will be moved. As you can imagine, these will include the statistical material, as well as legislative debates, bills, statutes, and other material that the library does not think should circulate. the material which remains will be available for circulation in line with an earlier Senate motion on this topic. Mr. Stradiotto will be directly involved in the decision-making process as to what goes.

Second, all public documents will remain organized according to the familiar CODOC system and thus they will remain as a distinct collec-

tion The On-line Catalogue will be recoded to indicate which are on the second floor and which are on the third.

Third, Mr. Stradiotto will still be available to help students for exactly the same hours that he is at present. It is true that, positioned at the main reference desk, he may also be involved with questions that have nothing to do with public documents. But it is also true that other staff there will—the library's biggest concern with the current arrangements is that with when Mr. Stradiotto is not around (breaks, evenings, sick days and vacations), it has become much more difficult to service public documents from the second floor. The Amiable Librarian acknowledges that other staff will have to be trained in the use of the collection so that they can assist in Mr. Stradiotto's absences but rest assured, he will continue to be the library's front line specialist in documents, just as other reference staff will continue as specialists in their respective areas.

Vee Line

Voyageurs advance to Semi-Finals

This past weekend, the Laurentian Voyageurs travelled to Halifax to take part in the Canadian University Men's Basketball Final Eight Championship. In the first round Laurentian, ranked fourth, defeated the number fifth ranked X-Men 90-81. The Voyageurs fell to a six point lead in the first half with a score of 39-33. The Voyageurs dug down deep and showed St. Francis Xavier what Laurentian ball was all about. Shawn Swords had very little problem penetrating the X-Men's defense and dazzled spectators with his usual assortment of amazing offense and tenacious defense. Top performances for the Voyageurs were 1997 Second Team All-Canadian Shawn Swords scoring his all-time high this year with 32 points, 10 rebounds and 8 assists and Kevin Gordon with 17 points. Ted Dongelmens dominated the boards throughout the game. He led the team in rebounding by pulling down a total of 12 rebounds and had 9 blocked shots. This victory advanced the Voyageurs to the semi-final round.

Voyageurs Fall to the Marauders in Semi-Finals

In semi-final action of the CIAU Championships, the Laurentian University Voyageurs took to the court and came up short in their drive for a berth in Sunday's national final. McMaster Marauders defeated the Voyageurs 84-79. The Voyageurs fell behind to a seven point deficit and fought their way back to within one by the end of the first half. In the second half, the men battled it out right to the final buzzer by came up short in the end. Top scorers for the Voyageurs were Second Team All-Canadian Shawn Swords scoring 16 points and 5 rebounds and Ted Dongelmen with 15 points and 6 rebounds.

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